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SUBJ: LOWER HOUSE CANDIDATES: BINH TUY

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1. LOWER HOUSE CANDIDATES IN BINH TUY NOW NUMBER 13 PERSONS. SEVEN PERSONS HAVE LEFT THE RACE. NGUYEN VAN NG, THE PROVINCE'S CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY DEPUTY, NGUYEN THAI QUAN, AND TRUONG DINH NGA HAVE WITHDRAWN. TRAN VAN MINH, PHAM CONG CHANG, PHAM DINH THUAN, AND NGUEYEN TUNG HAVE BEEN DISQUALLIFIED.

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2. NAMES AND OCCUPATIONS OF THOSE INITIALLY FILING WERE REPORTED REFTEL. FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON

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THE REMAINING CANDIDATES:

A. LE KIM HAI, JUNE 21, 1941, MY THO, HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER;

B. NGUYEN BINH, B. 1913, NORTHERNER, SECRETARY OF PROVINCE COUNCIL.

C. NGUYEN HUU DAT, B. JUNE 10, 1917, QUANG TRI, CIVIL SERVANT;

D. HA TON DONG, B. 1920, NORTHERNER, MILITARY;

E. NGUYEN VIET XY, B. MARCH 21, 1932, BINH THUAN, BUSINESSMAN;

F. NGUYEN NHU DONG, B. DEC 15, 1927, QUANG TRI, BUSINESSMAN;

G. NGUYEN DUY DI, B. DEC 26, 1916, PHUC YEN, CONTRACTOR;

H. NGUYEN TAN, B. APRIL 3, 1923, DLSNANG, CAPTAIN RVNAF, FINANCE OFFICER IN SAIGON;

I. PHAM LIEN, B. 1929, BINH DINH, BUSINESSMAN;

J. PHAM VAN DUONG, B. OCT 12, 1919, THUA THIEN, CIVIL SERVANT;

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K. NGUYEN TRONG BU
JG, B. MARCH 13, 1930, NORTHERN CATHOLIC, PROVINCIAL GENERAL SECRETARY OF NATCKNAL REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT DURING DIEM ERA, REDUCED IN CIVIL SERVICE RANK FOLLOWING 1963 $970, PRESENT OCCUPATION UNDISCLOSED;

L. NGO DINH HOA, B. MAY 15, 1920, NORTHERNER, HEALTH OFFICIAL;

M. LE D .H CONG, B. MARCH 28, 1933, BINH DINH CIVIL SERVANT.

3. OF THE FIVE CANDIDATES WHO ARE RESIDENCE OF BINH TUY,

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BUONG, WHO FAILED IN HIS BID FOR THE OCONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY A YEAR AGO, IS THE BEST KNOWN. HE HAS A GOOD REPUTATION AS A CIVIL SERVANT AND WILL PROBABLY CLAIM THE CATHOLIC VOTE.

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HIS CLOSEST RIVALS APPEAR TO BE HAI AND DAT, BOTH OUT-OF-PROVINCE REPUDENTS. SINCE FORMER CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY DEPUTY HUNG HAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE RACE, BUONG HAS APPARENTLY OPEN PATH TO VICTORY. HUNG REPORTEDLY ABANDONED THE CONTEST BECAUSE THERER IS NO GENERAL DISILLUSION-MENT WITH HIS LISTLESS TENURE AS CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY DEPUTY AMONG HUNG'S CONSTITUENTS.
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